GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Zonal Cultural Centres have a mandate to promote, preserve and disseminate the rich cultural heritage including performing and visual arts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of achievements made by these centres in projecting cultural kinships and awareness of local culture, in the areas of their operation for the last three years;

(d) whether the South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur has provided financial assistance to various academies/institutions including Kerala Folklore Academy, Kannur in promoting culture; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, institution-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The main objective of the ZCCs is the preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional folk arts and culture of the various States / UTs. The ZCCs endeavour to develop and promote the rich diversity and uniqueness of various arts of the Zone and to upgrade and enrich consciousness of the people about their cultural heritage. The ZCCs have been carrying out various activities and organizing programmes at the national, zonal and local levels in accordance with their aims and objectives, implemented through following schemes:−

1. National Cultural Exchange Programme

2. Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme

3. Young Talented Artistes Scheme

4. Documentation of Vanishing Art Forms

5. Theatre Rejuvenation Scheme
6. Shilpagram Activities

7 Loktarang - National Folk Dance Festival and OCTAVE -Festival of the North East

(c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The details of the funds allotted by South Zone Cultural Centre to the Kerala Folklore Academy, Kannur for the last three years are as under:

Year	Amount
2008-09	Rs. 6.50 Lakhs
2009-10	Rs. 2.00 Lakhs

2010-11 Rs. 4.52 Lakhs

The details of funds allotted by South Zone Cultural Centre to other institutions are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.